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STAFF

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BEGIN SUMMARY: SYG WILL AGAIN REQUEST NAC TO GRANT STANDARD OF LIVING (SOL) SALARY INCREASE EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVELY FROM JULY 1, 1973 INSTEAD OF EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974, AS RECOMMENDED BY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CCG). INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED BY MAY 31. (PARA 2). END SUMMARY

1. NATO STAFF ASSOCIATION HAS VOTED AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CCG FOR A 2PCT SALARY INCREASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974 AS TOO SMALL AND NOT COMPARABLE TO RECENT

EC INCREASE OF 3PCT RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 1973.

ACCORDINGLY SYG WILL RECOMMEND THAT AS A COMPROMISE NAC APPROVE A 2PCT INCREASE RETROACTIVELY AS OF JULY 1, 1973 AND HAS ASKED MEMBERS TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. SYG HAS IMPLIED THAT A STRIKE BY NATO EMPLOYEES IS NOT BEYOND THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY, SAYING THAT HE HOPES NATO EMPLOYEES NEVER GO ON STRIKE, WHILE NOTING THAT EVERY TIME EC EMPLOYEES STRIKE THEY GET WHAT THEY WANT.

- 2. OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING UK, CANADA AND FRANCE, HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL HOLD TO THE CCG RECOMMENDATION AND MISSION RECOMMENDS WE DO LIKEWISE.
- 3. MISSION BELIEVES MUCH STAFF DISCONTENT IS RESULT OF MISTAKEN VIEW THAT PURPOSE OF CURRENT PROPOSAL IS TO COMPENSATE FOR EFFECTS OF INFLATION, WHEREAS IN FACT COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO OFFSET EFFECTS OF INFLATION ARE AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDED FOR ALREADY. MCAULIFFE UNQUOTE RUSH

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